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PRIORITY 1177 NOVEMBER 2, 7 PM

EYES ONLY STEVENSON AND MCCLOY.

RE: DEPTTEL 1159 AND USUN 1604.

THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BE CLARIFIED SOONEST IN FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIETS:

1. WE MUST, AS SET FORTH PARA 7 DEPTTEL 1159, TIE DOWN SOVIETS TO INCLUSION OF IL-28S AMONG OFFENSIVE WEAPONS TO BE REMOVED. YOUR LETTER TO MIKOYAN (USUN 1606) WAS GOOD MOVE THIS REGARD. FYI AS YOU KNOW, YESTERDAY'S RECONNAISSANCE WAS INCONCLUSIVE ON WHETHER SOVS TAKING ANY STEPS DISASSEMBLE AND CRATE IL-28S. END FYI.

2. PRESIDENT CONSIDERS KHRUSHCHEV'S COMMITMENT TO UN VERIFICATION ON THE GROUND AS BINDING AND INTEGRAL PART OF UNDERSTANDING ON WHICH IT IS SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY TO DELIVER OR PROVIDE SUBSTITUTE ACCEPTABLE TO US. IF SOVIETS NOT ABLE CARRY OUT THIS COMMITMENT FOR UN INSPECTION ON GROUND, A LESS SATISFACTORY BUT POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE THEIR MAKING AVAILABLE TO ICRC MANIFESTS OF WEAPONS TOGETHER WITH SUFFICIENT ICRC INSPECTION OF OUTBOUND VESSELS TO PERMIT ICRC CERTIFY ACCURACY OF SUCH MANIFESTS.

3. SOVIETS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT, WHILE WE ARE SUFFICIENTLY SATISFIED AS TO CHARACTER OF CARGOS SOVIET VESSELS NOW IN VICINITY QUARANTINE AREA AND THEREFORE WILLING TO PERMIT THEM TO PASS UNDER MAIL PROCEDURES OF WHICH YOU HAVE INFORMED KUZNETSOV, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CONTINUE SUCH A PROCEDURE FOR VESSELS OF TYPE THAT HAVE IN PAST CARRIED OFFENSIVE WEAPONS AND WILL PRESUMABLY BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE SUCH WEAPONS. THEREFORE, SUCH VESSELS SHOULD NOT SEEK ENTER QUARANTINE AREA UNTIL ICRC PROCEDURES ARE IN EFFECT UNLESS THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT US INSPECTION.

4. PRESIDENT ALSO VERY MUCH HAS IN MIND THAT HIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH KHRUSHCHEV CONTEMPLATES THAT, AFTER COMPLETION REMOVAL PRESENT WEAPONS, CONTINUING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSURE AGAINST REINTRODUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS INTO CUBA (SEE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 27 TO KHRUSHCHEV). IF THE ICRC ARRANGEMENT IS NOT KEPT IN PLACE AND THE CUBANS WILL NOT COOPERATE, SOME OTHER MEASURES WILL HAVE TO BE DEVISED. SUCH MEASURES PARTICULARLY NECESSARY IN VIEW DOMESTIC PROBLEM. USG IS PREPARED TO FACE WITH RESPECT ITS UNDERTAKINGS ON INVASION. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT YOU IN THIS REGARD. RUSK

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